

CITY OF GREENACRES
COUNCIL MEMORANDUM
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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: James D. Stokes, City Attorney

SUBJECT: **Ordinance 2016-26**
"Opting-In" to Countywide Public Possession or Consumption Ordinance

DATE: July 12, 2016

COPIES: Andrea McCue, City Manager
Denise McGrew, City Clerk
Captain Sean Murray, PBSO

Background

On March 25, 1986, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners enacted Ordinance 86-9 which regulated the public possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in Palm Beach County and was codified as Section 3-3 of the County Code of Ordinances. The Ordinance is currently effective in all of unincorporated Palm Beach County and in municipalities that choose to comply within their jurisdiction.

On August 10, 2015, Council voted to contract with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) to provide law enforcement services within the City of Greenacres. PBSO Captain Sean Murray, overseeing the provision of services in Greenacres, has requested that Greenacres "opt-in" with the County ordinance so that these regulations will apply uniformly within the City and adjacent unincorporated areas.

Analysis

By "opting-in" to the County Ordinance, these important safety and quality of life regulations can be enforced seamlessly around the City. In addition, the County Ordinance was developed after significant effort and with input from various stakeholders. It would be inefficient for City staff to undertake crafting our own City Ordinance on the same subject.

Financial

N/A

Legal

The Ordinance was prepared in accordance with the Florida Statutes and City Code requirements.

Staff Recommendation

Adoption of Ordinance 2016-26, opting-in to the Countywide Public Possession or Consumption Ordinance contained in Section 3-3 of the County Code.

/s/ *James D. Stokes*
James D. Stokes, City Attorney

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